

Hillsboro City Council Meeting
July 28, 2009

Mayor Baran called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll call was taken and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill and McCammack.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Commissioner Sherer arrived at this time.

Minutes of the previous meetings on July 14th were approved.

Commissioner McCammack reported they have been replacing pumps at the waste water plant and things are running better at the water treatment plant. The lake was treated with copper sulfate to control algae blooms on Glenn Shoals. Commissioner McCammack also noted the prison is still over \$200,000.00 behind.

Mayor Baran stated he has sent a letter to the State Comptrollers office as well as Senator Demuzio and Representative Hannig concerning the delinquency of the prison's water account.

City Attorney Jarman stated he has been working on changes to the water purchase option agreement with the coal company. Jarman asked that the Council contact him on any changes they would like to see implemented into the agreement.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to appoint Cheryl Whitten temporary clerk for this meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to reappoint Barbara Adams, Mark Noyes and Janice Collins to a 3 year term on the Library Board. Motion carried 5-0.

The next agenda item was the hiring of a campground host, Mayor Baran asked for an executive session to discuss this before any decision is made.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner McCammack to go into closed session at 7:12 pm. to discuss the hiring of a campground host. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran reconvened the meeting with roll call and those present were Mayor Baran and Commissioners Trost, Hill, McCammack and Sherer.

The hiring of a campground host was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Sherer introduced and thanked John Guinn who has been assisting as campground host in the interim.

Commissioner Trost discussed the proposals the City has received for the refinancing of bonds and recommended going with First Midstate.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the refinancing of water and sewer bonds for a savings of over \$150,000.00 using First Midstate as the broker. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Trost to approve an intergovernmental agreement between the City and Montgomery County allowing for the waiver of fees associated with the GIS data program. This would continue as long as we are a member of the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Jarman explained to the Council a request to extend the gas and oil lease agreement on 100 acres of the Challacombe estate in Texas to allow for the production of gas. The City would then receive royalties on any gas produced.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the extension of the Challacombe lease agreement for the production of gas on 100 acres of property in Texas. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Sherer to join the Montgomery County Complete Count Committee preparing for the 2010 census. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sherer and seconded by Commissioner Hill to accept the resignation of Ed Delaney from the Fire Pension Board effective July 20, 2009. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Baran took this time to inform the Council that he had received a donation from Ameren in the amount of \$5,000 for the sports complex and should receive one more next year. Mayor Baran also noted that Ameren would be putting street lights on Industrial Park road at no cost to the City due to easement situation.

Motion was made by Commissioner Trost and seconded by Commissioner Hill to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Whitten, Clerk Pro-tem